

ELKO INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

News Release

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Suzie & Elburz Fires, Update #3**

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MULTIPLE FIRES GROW NEAR ELKO, NEVADA

Elko, Nevada – Large lightning-caused fires continue burning northeast and northwest of Elko.

The Suzie Fire, about 10 miles northwest of Elko, has burned approximately 21,000 acres in sagebrush and grass. Structure protection is in place at the University of Nevada, Reno Fire Science Academy.

The Elburz Fire, about 10 miles northeast of Elko, has burned over 9,600 acres. River Ranch has been evacuated and structure protection is in place.

A third fire, the Grayrock, has burned approximately 250 acres about 12 miles northwest of Elko.

The fires started Sunday when a fast-moving lightning storm moved through the area. Nine fires started as a result of the storm. I-80 was closed for brief periods Sunday night.

A Type II Fire Management Team has been ordered for the Suzie and Elburz Fires and will be arriving later today.

A large array of fire fighting resources is currently on hand or enroute to the scene. Currently, over 250 people are fighting the three fires. Twenty-fire engines from the Carlin Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), Lee Engine Company, Ryndon VFD, Deeth VFD, Wells VFD, Spring Creek VFD, Nevada Division of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management; and Nevada Division of Forestry crews from Wells and Carlin, are fighting the fires now. Smoke jumpers deployed on the Suzie, Elburz, and Grayrock Fires. Single engine air tankers are being used on the Suzie and Elburz Fires. Bull dozers, water tenders, and other heavy equipment are being used as well.

Fire officials are asking people to be very cautious in this period of extreme fire danger.

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